(b) Keeping in view the existing seat/load factors, national cost of such Passages is negligible.

(c) Since the free passes|tickets are issued to commercially important persons for business promotion, publication of detailed information of this type may affect the commercial interests of the Air India and Indian Airlines.

Criteria for promotion of Aircraft Engineers

3236. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for promotion of Aircraft Engineers to the post of Assistant Engineering Manager Avionics Maintenance cadre in Air India;

(b) how many Assistant engineering Managers Avionics Maintenance have been promoted from the cadre of Aircraft Engineers in the past five years.

(c) whether any promotion to the post of Assistant Engineering Manager have been made from amongst the Aircraft Engineer cadre without suitable qualifications; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

"THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHUGHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Senior Aircraft Erigineer|Dy. Chief Aircraft Engineers possessing the qualifications prescribed Tor promotion to the post of Assistant Engg. Manager, Avionics maintenance from time to time, are eligible.

(b) to (d) During the last 5 years, six Aircraft Engineers have been promoted to the post of Assistant Engg. Manager Avionics Maintenance, two in 1993 and 4 in 1994. The promotions were done in accordance with the qualifications prescribed at that time.

Radio System Licence *for* promotion of Assistance Engineering Manager

3237. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is necessary to hold an approval |licence on radio system for promotion to the post of Assistant Engineering Manager in Air India avionics system in the Maintenance department.

(b) whether any incumbent has been promoted in the recent past in air India *to* the post of Assistant Engineering Manager Avionics Maintenance without holding approval on Radio System;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how many such promotions were effected in the past few years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Qualifications for promotion to the post of Assistant Engineering Manager in Air India Avoinics system maintenance Department were reviewed In December, 1993; possession of ARME licence